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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-5 and 7-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 28 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Ahmed et al. (US 6,816,460).

Applicant respectfully asserts that Ahmed et al. does not teach or suggest at least some of the features of independent claims 1, 7 and 18, as amended, and therefore cannot anticipate these claims.

Specifically, for example, Ahmed et al. does not teach at least the claimed feature of *establishing a sub-network of said at least some of the mobile devices of the mobile ad-hoc network that have installed therein said common application software*, as recited, in paraphrase, by amended claims 1, 7 and 18.

Notwithstanding the contention in the Office Action that Ahmed et al. discloses a software application to establish an ad-hoc network, Applicant respectfully asserts that Ahmed et al. do not teach and/or disclose software that can detect an installed application software in mobile devices of an ad-hoc network and, further, do not teach or disclose establishing a sub-network of at least some mobile devices that have a common application

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software installed therein, as recited in paraphrase by amended independent claims 1, 7 and 18.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1, 7 and 18 are not anticipated by the Ahmed et al reference, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to these claims. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent claims 1, 7 and 18 are patentable, and thus allowable, over all the prior art on record, taken separately or in any combination.

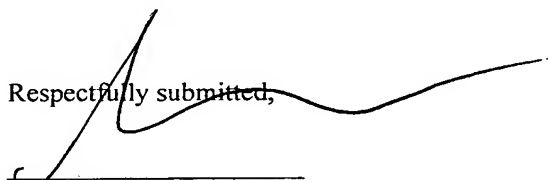
Claims 2-5, 8-17 and 19-28 depend from patentable base claims 1, 7 and 18, respectively. In this regard, in addition to any independent bases for patentability, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-6, 8-17 and 19-28 are patentable over the cited reference(s) by virtue of at least such dependency on patentable base claims 1, 7 and 18. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-5 and 7-28 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to discuss any further issues yet to be resolved in connection with this application. Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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